

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method of identifying an ion channel blocker for an ion channel comprising:

providing an ion channel having an external vestibule portion and identifying an antibody, binding portion, probe, or ligand specific to the external vestibule portion of the ion channel, wherein the antibody, binding portion, probe, or ligand is effective to inhibit ion transport through the ion channel.